

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Labor/Economic Development

Thursday, July 17, 2008

3:05 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present:
Chair: CW Butler
Members: CM Peden, CM Hawkins
and CM Owen

Absent: CM Tandy - Excused

Chairman Butler stated that CM Tandy was out of town and she would be acting as Chair.

She began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present.
A quorum was not established.

Special Items for Discussion: None

Pending Legislation

R-119-07-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND GRANT FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUD-CHEMIE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 AND TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT IF AWARDED.

Status: In-Committee

Primary Sponsor: Mary C. Woolridge

Motion to Approve made by James Peden and seconded by Tom Owen.

Discussion: David Morris, Economic Development Department, stated normally Roxanne Fry from GLI he would be speaking to the item but she is out of the town. The following was discussed.

- Economic Development Bond Grant from the State \$500,000
- \$1.2 Million project to expand their research and development
- 20 new Employees will be added
- SUD-CHEMIE, Inc Headquarters located at 16th & Hill
- This is a cash Grant
- Technology related grants – Research and Development jobs

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar** on the 7/24/08 Council Agenda.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Doug Hawkins, Tom Owen, James Peden, Marianne Butler

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: David Tandy

R-120-07-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,497,684.25, FOR TROLLEY BARN REHABILITATION.

Status: In-Committee

Primary Sponsor: David Tandy

Motion to Approve made by Tom Owen and seconded by James Peden

Discussion: Bruce Traugher, Director of the Economic Development Department and Ted Pullen Public Works and Assets spoke to the item. The following was discussed.

- The grant is the final installment of the commitment that the state has made to the African American Heritage Center for the completion of the center
- The Trolley Barn - located at 18th & Muhammad Ali
- Approximately \$7 Million of work done to date
- The state has agreed to match the money coming into the project
- Total will be approximately \$13 Million when the project is complete
- The Management problem has been taken care of
- Because Federal Dollars has been used in the past - The City of Louisville picks up a requirement to restore the project or the City can write a check to the Federal Government for the amount of federal dollars that have gone into the project
- If the project stopped today the City will have to pay back to the Federal Government \$7 million in general fund dollars
- Feels Strongly the project will be a success
- The city has taken over temporary management of the Trolley Barn
- Have 3 major donors – pledging \$3 Million
- If it does fail as a Museum – The city will look at what Metro Facility can fit in the area
- The Site has been fenced - has security and spot lights
- Security cost – annual payment \$120, 000
 - \$10,000 a month to maintain the security

By unanimous vote, this item was sent to the **Consent Calendar** on the 7/24/08 Council Agenda.

For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Doug Hawkins, Tom Owen, James Peden, Marianne Butler

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: David Tandy

R-123-07-08 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING ONE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN McNEELY LAKE PARK IN LOUISVILLE/ JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO, KENTUCKY, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2.649 ACRES, AND DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT A, HERETO, OWNED BY LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT ("METRO GOVERNMENT"), GOVERNMENTAL SUCCESSOR TO THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, KENTUCKY, AS SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE AND TRANSFER.

Status: In-Committee

Primary Sponsor: James Peden

Motion to Approve made by James Peden and seconded by Tom Owen.

Discussion: Vince Guenther, Manger of Government Relations, Louisville Water Company, John Wilmes, Jefferson County Attorney, Bill Warner, County Attorney's Office and Lisa Hite, Metro Parks, spoke to the item. CM Peden gave the Committee a copy of the Amended Resolution and a copy of the Purchase Agreement. The following was discussed.

- Property acquired to locate a one million gallon water storage tank
 - ✓ The tank will increase the storage for Jefferson County
- This will be a elevated tank – a Tank tower
 - ✓ It will be above ground – 175 Feet tall
 - ✓ The final design has not been completed – looking a single pedestal with the bowl at the top
- Concern regarding using the word surplus
- Did not look at Bullitt County to place the tank – want to place the tank at one end of the pressure zones

- ✓ The tower will benefit Bullitt County more so but Jefferson County will be using the Tank also
- ✓ Gravity works best on the high end

CM Peden presented his change Amendment on Page 2 added a WHEREAS – **(attachment)**

Motion to Approve the Amendment made by James Peden and seconded by Doug Hawkins.

Chairman Butler stated she would have to Abstain because she is employed by the Louisville Water Company.

The Amendment passed.

For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 1; Absent: 1

For: Doug Hawkins, Tom Owen, James Peden

Against: (None)

Abstain: Marianne Butler

Absent: David Tandy

Language added to the Purchase Agreement which is an attachment on Page 3 – 8 Line A. and B.

Bill Warner, Jefferson County Attorney's Office stated contracts have been discussed but the Committee could vote on the Agreement. Mr. Warner stated he could add the language to the Resolution.

Mr. Guenthner stated they could work with Metro Parks and provide the language and bring the Resolution back. This will be a gentleman's agreement.

CM Peden wanted as much of the area as possible left for the McNeely Lake Park when the Water Company places the Tower

CM Peden presented his second Amendment – **(extra sentence in Section 2 of the Therefore's) - The money received in the sale of this land shall be put back into McNeely Lake Park.**

Motion to Approve the Amendment made by James Peden and seconded by Doug Hawkins
Vice Chairman Butler Abstaining.

For: 3; Against: 0; Abstain: 1; Absent: 1

For: Doug Hawkins, Tom Owen, James Peden,

Against: (None)

Abstain: Marianne Butler,

Absent: David Tandy

This item was sent **to Old Business** on the 7/24/08 Council Agenda.

O-92-05-08 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHICH INCLUDE THE RETAIL SALES OF GASOLINE.

Status: In Committee - Held

Committee: Labor & Economic Development

Primary Sponsor: Dan Johnson

This item remained **Held** in Committee.

CW Butler made a motion to adjourn without objection.

The meeting Adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting, July 24, 2008.**

MEM